

KALBFUS ADMITS TO SPECULATION

Tells Committee He Bought and Sold for Profit—Call It What They Please.

BRIEF IS PROHIBITED

In Long Statement, Assistant District Assessor Defends His Position and Propounds Questions.

Sharp exchanges between witness and committee marked the examination yesterday by the House District Committee of Samuel T. Kalbfus, assistant district assessor. Members of the committee rushed in part through their questions the hortatory charges which the district commissioners investigated more than a year ago. Kalbfus declared he came out clean. Representative George sought to lead him to draw from him an admission that it was a "Scotch verdict." He declared that following the conclusion of the trial, Commissioner Rudolph had told him that he (Mr. Rudolph) saw no harm in Kalbfus' real estate operations.

Mr. Kalbfus appeared with a voluminous brief which the committee refused to read it in answer to questions, but the committee insisted upon direct answers and so framed their questions that the brief was of little use to Kalbfus.

Kalbfus was not so fearful of the word "speculation" as others, and members of the committee failed to worry him by applying it to his operations. He admitted that he had bought and sold real estate with a view to making money and was willing to have it called speculation if the committee so desired.

Had Right to Buy. "Do you think it is right for an assessor to do this?" asked Representative George.

"I always thought I had a right to do so."

In his formal statement, Mr. Kalbfus declares that the Board of Commissioners have no authority to prohibit an assessor from buying and selling real estate, nor has Congress.

"The district commissioners," he says, "who have held office during the more than a quarter of a century I have been in the employ of the local government, have all known that assessors, when they were so minded, bought either for home or investment purposes real estate in the district, and these commissioners have never passed any regulation forbidding assessors from so doing."

"After the public hearing in the fall of 1911 the commissioners passed no such regulation, although my counsel publicly called their attention to the absence of one, and suggested one if the commissioners were of the opinion that dealing in real estate should be prohibited."

"After the hearing, however, I had under consideration the taking of an interest, together with Allen E. Walker, in the lots purchased by him in American University Heights, I frankly told the then president of the district commissioners, Mr. Cuno H. Rudolph, told him about the prospective purchase and asked him whether I was at liberty to take an interest in it. Commissioner Rudolph, under whose jurisdiction the assessor's office was, informed me that there was absolutely no objection to my entering that transaction, and fully consented to my doing so."

Puts It Up to Committee. "Apparently, some of you disagree with the views I have just expressed. If the members of this honorable committee are of opinion that those employed as assistant assessors in this district should not make any investments in real estate, may I ask you to consider whether or not such an attitude would, in effect, preclude men so employed from making any investments whatever in the city of their home?" Suppose a man in my position invested in the stock of the Washington Gas Light Company, a public utility, with respect to the taxation of which we have had many heated contests, and long drawn out litigation. Would not a member of the board who had to pass upon these contested matters subject himself to criticism if he held stock in the great public utility whose taxes amount to thousands and thousands of dollars a year?

"The same is true with respect to an investment in the stock of either of the local transportation companies."

Assistant Assessor Kalbfus went into an extensive explanation of why he considers the law to provide for tax assessors that they should not be interested in the property they assess. He asserts that such a rule is a fair interpretation of the legislation of Congress on the subject. Mr. Kalbfus argues that for years the public and the assessors have so understood the law and that without specific direction from Congress "a mere board of assessors should not override the long established rule for assessing property."

DEATH RECORD.

WHITE.

Mrs. Youngman, 67 years, East River, passed away at 10:30 a. m. at her home.

Edwin J. Jones, 4 children, died at 10:30 a. m. at his home.

John M. Wootter, 6 children, died at 10:30 a. m. at his home.

Both Thompson, 24, Epworth Hosp. died at 10:30 a. m. at his home.

Anna P. Miller, 10th, died at 10:30 a. m. at her home.

Margaret J. Smith, 67 years, died at 10:30 a. m. at her home.

COLORED.

James H. Burke, 3 years, died at 10:30 a. m. at his home.

Mary Brown, 2, died at 10:30 a. m. at her home.

Obstinate Acne Quickly Yields

Fine Remedy that Clears Skin of Pimples on Cheeks, Temples, Sides of Nose and Chin.

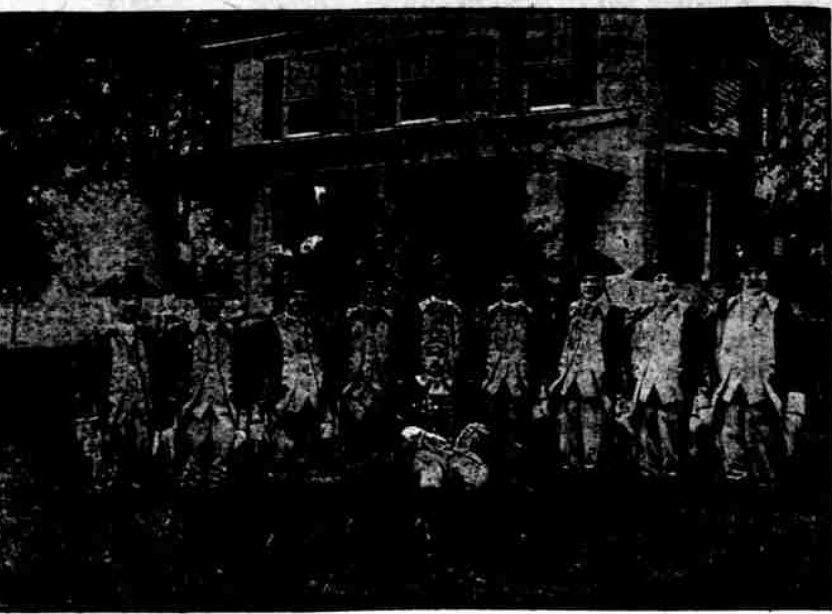
Acne attacks the glandular structure of the skin, more particularly those tiny glands that secrete fat.

And it is here that S. S. S., the famous blood purifier, is most active in its influence.

There is one ingredient in S. S. S., the purpose of which it is to stimulate the cells in the tissues that they select from the blood the nutrients that makes new skin and thus eliminates all irritants, acids and parasites that inflame the glands. There is a natural tendency of the skin to throw off impurities, but where a persistent inflammatory process has invaded the skin, the natural repair work of the blood is interfered with. It requires the stimulating activity of S. S. S. to overcome such morbid conditions. If you have been troubled with acne, do not despair of a cure.

You can get S. S. S. in any drug store, but insist upon having it. The great Swift Laboratory in Atlanta, Ga., prepares this famous blood purifier, and you should take no chance by permitting anyone to recommend a substitute. And if you blood condition is such that you would like to consult a specialist freely, address the Medical Dept., The Swift Specific Company, 131 Swift Bldg., Atlanta, Ga.

CAPITAL'S MINUTE MEN WHO ARE GOING TO GERMANY.



At the right—Capt. F. H. Kramer, J. J. Connelley, Peter Lettner, D. W. Thayer, A. Gude, S. W. Zimmerman, V. J. Evans, J. Albrecht, and W. H. Wunder. Seated—Col. M. A. Winter.

DISTRICT TROOPS IN MIMIC WAR

In Broiling Sun, Guardsmen Shoot at Imaginary Enemy and Later Play Ball.

ONE CASE OF ILLNESS

Sergt. Maj. Jennifer Morris is in Hospital with Supposed Typhoid.

By STAFF CORRESPONDENT.

Camp Ordway, Bolivar Heights, W. Va., Aug. 6.—The National Guardsmen in camp here were kept busy today drilling and getting in readiness for the army maneuvers that soon are to start. All morning the boys were put through skirmish drill, running along in the blazing sun, dropping suddenly to the ground at the sight of imaginary enemies, and firing their rifles at soldiers who existed only in their fertile imaginations.

The officers' school was set in operation and the art of warfare was explained to the pupils by experienced men. This afternoon the noncommissioned officers' school was opened up under the leadership of Sergt. William Weiss. The Signal Corps was subjected to a long and tiresome mounted drill, and was kept busy putting its apparatus in order. The wireless outfit has not yet been assembled for operation.

An exciting baseball game between teams representing the First and Second Regiments was held this afternoon, after which the Second Regiment paraded. Company F, of the Second Regiment, was presented by Gen. Harries with a magnificent silver and oak trophy for winning the championship in last winter's basketball games.

The guardsmen are eager for the opening of the mimic warfare. It is the plan of Gen. Harries to subject them to thorough drilling and instruction before the maneuvers commence. The young soldiers with a few exceptions are in the best of health, and seem to be enjoying themselves, despite the fact that they are drilling and working hard. Sergt. Maj. Jennifer Morris, Second Battalion, First Infantry, is sick at the field hospital, and it is believed he has a case of typhoid fever.

May Place Embargo.

Mayor Wentzell of Harpers Ferry has been assured that the town will be given no further trouble by the guardsmen, who recently caused some disturbance. The State President requested that a provision be designated, but Gen. Harries declined to take such action. He said if there was any further trouble he would place an embargo upon the town, forbidding the guardsmen to do anything from the moment this was done several years ago when the camp was at Frederick and trouble was experienced.

Maj. C. Fred Cook, of the Adjutant General's Department, called at the White House yesterday as the personal representative of Gen. Harries, and extended an invitation to President Wilson to visit the camp. The President seemed to view the invitation with favor. If he decides to make the trip, he will go possibly by automobile. Maj. Cook offered to furnish a special train should the President desire it.

An invitation likewise was extended to the district commissioners, who accepted. They will leave Washington for the camp at 3 o'clock tomorrow afternoon, probably accompanied by Dr. William Tindall, secretary to the Board of Commissioners. They will leave Harpers Ferry on the return trip at 8:45 o'clock.

Dies from Fall from Steps.

John Wheatley, forty-six years old, of 24 Second Street Northwest, died at Emergency Hospital yesterday morning at 10 o'clock as a result of a concussion of the brain received earlier in the morning, when he fell from the steps in the rear of his home into the roadway.

Dies in Rocking Chair.

Mrs. Margaret Lynch, sixty-seven years old, of 21 H Street Northwest, was found dead sitting in a rocking chair in the front room of her home yesterday morning. Her daughter, Mrs. Maggie McKenna, found her. Heart disease was the cause of her death.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.

WHITE.

Archie S. Lee, 21, and Annie E. Key, 18, Rev. Martin P. J. Ryan.

Andrew J. Twomey, 25, of Baltimore, Md., and John P. Collins, 21, Rev. William J. Brown.

John P. Collins, 21, and Carrie L. Sullivan, 20, of Norfolk, Va., Rev. John R. Pittar.

Michael J. Sullivan, 21, and Lillian A. Robinson, 18, Rev. Frederick Grimes.

James W. Brown, 21, and Amanda B. Kern, 21, both of Norfolk, Va., Rev. R. M. Strickler.

Frederick R. Schaefer, 21, and Ella M. Bankard, 21, both of Baltimore, Md., Rev. H. Schroeder.

Robert H. Schaefer, 21, and Ethel K. Kimmann, 21, both of Baltimore, Md., Rev. E. H. Brown.

COLORED.

A. W. Washington, 21, and Gloria L. Lyle, 21, both of Washington, D. C., Rev. J. L. Lyle.

M. Alexander, 21, and Frances Williams, 21, both of Washington, D. C., Rev. J. L. Lyle.

J. D. Campbell, 21, and Sarah E. Holmes, 21, both of Washington, D. C., Rev. J. L. Lyle.

J. W. Fortune, 21, and Annie Johnson, 21, both of Washington, D. C., Rev. J. L. Lyle.

R. Carpenter, 21, and Bertha Brown, 21, both of Washington, D. C., Rev. J. L. Lyle.

M. Mose, 21, and Gertrude Banks, 21, both of Washington, D. C., Rev. J. L. Lyle.

T. Parker, 21, and Agnes V. Johnson, 21, both of Washington, D. C., Rev. J. L. Lyle.

CAPITAL "MINUTE MEN" TO GUARD THE FLAG

Eleven Washingtonians Sail August 19 for "Vaterland" with German Society.

As the guests of the "Deutscher Kameraden und Patriotenbund von Amerika," eleven "Minute Men" of Washington wearing the uniform of Revolutionary days, will leave here a week from next Monday for New York, whence they will sail for Germany on the following day.

The members of the local organization will act as the honorary escort to the American flag which the German society is taking with it on its pilgrimage to the Fatherland. Col. M. A. Winter, commander of the Minute Men, will be in charge of the escort. Others who will make the trip are Maj. John J. Costello and Capt. J. E. Albrecht. F. H. Kramer, Adolph Gude, Peter Lettner, John S. Zimmerman, Victor J. Evans, Deios Thayer, and W. H. Wucher. They will be joined in New York by Maj. E. T. Paul.

The giant ocean greyhound Friedrich Grosse has been chartered by the German patriots for the trip, and no passengers other than members of the society of their guests will be on board. The ship will sail direct from New York to Bremen. Most of the time aboard will be spent in Leipzig, where a \$200,000 monument to German soldiers will be unveiled.

A tour of the Continent will be made before the party embarks for the return to America. Receptions in their honor have been planned by the Lord Mayor of London and the Ancient and Honorable Artillery of London. The old military organization in the world. The party will sail from Bremen on the steamship Bremen on October 25.

UNDERTAKER ARRIVES TO FIND SOLOON ASLEEP

He Discovers No Employment at Home of Representative Thomas of Kentucky.

POLICE LOOKING FOR JOKER

"Is that you, Mr. Gawler?" inquired a mad-toned voice over the telephone.

"Yes," was the answer.

"Well, Representative Thomas of Kentucky is dead and you are requested to take charge of the remains," said the sympathetic man on the other end of the line.

This happened yesterday morning about 1 o'clock. Charlie Gawler, of the firm of Joseph Gawler & Sons, 129 Pennsylvania Avenue Northwest, soon had his best vehicle, pulled by two pretty horses, ready for service.

But when the undertaker called at Thomas' residence, 131 A Street Northeast, they found everything in darkness. No moans or cries from heartbroken relatives came from the house. The only noise was that of a cat prowling about.

It resembled a rip saw hitting a knot in a pine board. The undertaker turned his team around and beat it back up to the camp.

Now the police are endeavoring to establish the identity of the practical joker.

This climaxed an exciting night for Representative Thomas, for early in the evening he had stabbed H. A. Goodlett, deputy doorkeeper of the House. Yesterday Representative Thomas was in a pension mood, and asked Doorkeeper Sinnott not to take office notice of the fight between himself and Goodlett, for he cares not to have the young man lose his job for his part of the altercation.

Goodlett did not show up at the Capitol, but it was learned his condition is much improved.

PLATE PRINTERS' OUTING.

Arrangements Completed for Excursion to Be Held Saturday.

Arrangements have been completed for the annual excursion of the Washington Plate Printers' Local Union, No. 2, to Marshall Hall Saturday. In anticipation of a record-breaking crowd the steamer Charles Macalester will make three trips down the river, so that there will be no overcrowding.

In the athletic events during the day, more than twenty-five valuable prizes will be awarded.

George T. Hutchinson is chairman of the committee on arrangements. Assisting him are F. S. Milovich, secretary-treasurer; R. A. Donohue, Bart Newman, Bernard Daly, Edward P. McCarthy, and Daniel Hassett.

KILL MOONSHINER IN FIGHT.

Revenue Men Raid Illicit Distillery in Kentucky Hills.

Lexington, Ky., Aug. 6.—Sherman Lewis, a deputy United States marshal, was brought here this morning from the Morgan County mountains, where he was shot in the shoulder and badly hurt yesterday in a battle between revenue officers and moonshiners whom the officers raided in the hills.

Morton Kidd was killed in the fight and John Kidd was probably fatally wounded. Both the Kidds were moonshiners. About 100 shots were exchanged. Several illicit stills were destroyed.

PROTEST FILED IN FREIGHT WAR

Submitted in Name of Two Local Business Organizations.

CAREFULLY DRAWN UP

Interstate Commerce Commission Is Asked to Suspend Tariffs—Decision Expected by August 20.

Formal protest against the discontinuance by the Pennsylvania and Baltimore and Ohio Railroads of the free store-door delivery of freight in this city was filed with the Interstate Commerce Commission yesterday afternoon.

The protest was submitted in the name of the Chamber of Commerce and the Retail Merchants' Association, through Chapin Brown and Maurice D. Rosenberg, their respective attorneys.

There was some question yesterday morning as to whether the two organizations would file separate protests or a joint one, but in the afternoon the latter course was decided upon.

The step is the most important one that so far has been taken in the vigorous campaign that is being waged by the retail merchants of Washington against the discontinuance of the free delivery of freight.

The papers were filed by the commission, and will be given immediate consideration. A decision in the matter will be announced August 20. The merchants feel confident that their request will be granted. If this is done, they will be given a hearing before long.

Would Be a Harder.

The protest urges the immediate suspension of the free tariffs submitted by the railroads in announcing their intention of discontinuing the free delivery of freight. The commission is asked to delay the enforcement of these tariffs until a full and ample hearing on the subject has been held. The protest points out that the discontinuance of the free delivery imposes a severe burden upon the business of Washington, as it is a source to a substantial increase in rates. The protest states that the plan of the railroads would force the merchants to spend thousands of dollars annually for drays.

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TANGO MODEL FACES DIVORCE.

Indianapolis Musician Finds Some Brand New Evidence.

Indianapolis, Ind., Aug. 6.—Here are some brand new evidence grounds.

Pasquale Montani, a musician, today entered suit for divorce because his wife accepted a position as model for tango lessons which, of course, failed to appear.

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NEW RULE FOR "DEAD LETTERS"

Parcels Will Be Distributed and Sold in Fifteen Cities.

LOCAL MERCHANTS GLAD

Had Complained that Yearly Post-office Auction Sales Here Had Hurt Their Business.

Opposition of Washington business men to the "dead letter" auction sales, at which so many articles were cheaply disposed of by the Postoffice Department that local merchants claimed to feel effects of the competition upon their trade, will be allayed by a new order of Postmaster General Burleson whereby "dead letter" parcels will be distributed and sold in fifteen cities. In this way Washington will get a small part instead of all the dead letter sales.

The order, of which the department issued a formal notice last night, covers all undeliverable third and fourth class matter. This matter in the past has been sent from offices of destination to the Division of Dead Letters in the department at Washington, where, if unclaimed during the period of one year, it was sold.

In the future undeliverable matter of the third and fourth class will be forwarded to the postoffices of the headquarters of the fifteen railway mail divisions—Boston, New York, Washington, Atlanta, Cincinnati, Chicago, St. Louis, San Francisco, Cleveland, St. Paul, Fort Worth, New Orleans, Seattle, Omaha, and Pittsburgh, where such matter will be treated in the same manner and form as has been the custom at Washington.

Expense in Handling.

Heretofore third and fourth class matter of this character has been handled at great expense for transportation and storage, and with the extension of the parcel post system and the consequent increase in the quantity and size of parcels transported as fourth-class matter, a new system which would eliminate the inefficient and costly features was necessary. Post-office Department officials pointed out an apt illustration of such in the instance of a parcel which had been sent from Chicago to Spokane, where the addressee refused to accept the same.

The postage involved amounted to 14 cents, the article being worth, possibly, 10 cents. After every effort to secure delivery, the postmaster notified the sender to forward postage for return of the article, which the sender failed to remit, as the article was not worth the postage, whereupon it was forwarded to the Division of Dead Letters at Washington, where it would be held in the files for one year and then disposed of at public sale, according to the regulations.

The additional postage from Spokane to Washington, amounting to about 25 cents, was added to the original cost for transportation and another demand made upon the sender for this additional charge, together with sufficient funds to cover the postage from Washington to Chicago, which, of course, failed to appear.

At the expiration of the year required by the regulations to await reclamation this article would be sold at a loss to the postal service of the cost of transportation and another demand made upon the sender for this additional charge, together with sufficient funds to cover the postage from Washington to Chicago, which, of course, failed to appear.

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Division of Dead Letters for disposition. The cost of transportation on such matter from the office where it failed of delivery, to Washington, and thence to the respective senders throughout the country, will be reduced to a minimum by this action of the Postmaster General and an economy in transportation charges and labor cost, together with storage facilities, will be effected amounting to not less than \$50,000 per year, it is estimated by the department.

The Postmaster General realizes that by reason of the new readjustment of weight limit and rates charged for the transportation of four class matter, there will be a large increase in the number of undeliverable articles and a savings in proportion to this increase will undoubtedly prevail.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

RE 305 R 25—BAUMAN, Chapin R to Karl W. Bauman \$100.00.

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